

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

ATTENDANCE: Evonne M. Klein, First Selectwoman; Robert F. Harrel, Jr.;
Joseph Miceli; Linda Santarella and Barbara Thorne

STAFF: John N. Cray, Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the First Selectwoman at 7:32 p.m.

1ST SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Klein reported that the Broadwater LNG Project has been pre-filed. She asked how the Board wanted to proceed. Mr. Harrel suggested that the Coastal Water Commission look into it. Ms. Santarella suggested that they come and report back to the Board.

The Board talked about holding a Community emergency Response Team training class. It was recommended holding a class on March 5th. The first class needs to be held in March so that they can get all of the materials free of charge. Ms. Klein asked that the newspaper publish the notice. She added that this is not Post 53 related.

Ms. Klein said that she attended a meeting on Emergency Management in Westport and gave an overview of that meeting.

Ms. Klein announced upcoming events.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Cray said that he had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Take Action on Board of Selectmen Priorities for 2005

The Board discussed their priorities for 2005. Ms. Santarella noted that there was nothing suggested about volunteers. Under Volunteerism wording was suggested as follows: Continue to support and celebrate the outstanding volunteerism of the community.

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRIORITIES FOR 2005**
- ** MS. THORNE SECONDED**

Ms. Santarella said that conceptually she supports these ideas, but is uncomfortable with one item.

Mr. Harrel asked if they were going to continue to look for a site for this year's fireworks. Ms. Klein said that a lot of groundwork has been done. Some people would like to revisit the waterfront.

- ** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MS. SANTARELLA)**

Resolution to approve the 2004/2005 Annual Budget and Six-Year Capital Plan and submitting the same to the Board of Finance for their consideration

- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$5,000 FROM THE CHARTER REVISION BUDGET**
- ** DR. MICELI SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$3,000 FROM THE SENIOR CENTER TASK FORCE BUDGET**
- ** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$25,125 FROM THE ADMIN. OFF. FT SALARY – ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED**

Ms. Thorne said that she would reluctantly support this cut.

- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$4,500 FROM THE TRAINING BUDGET**
- ** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$12,350 FROM THE FINANCE – PT CLERK BUDGET**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE ADDING \$20,689 TO THE ASSESSOR FT SALARY BUDGET (correct entry error)**
- ** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$19,950 FROM THE ASSESSOR PT SALARY FIELD PERSON BUDGET**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED**

Ms. Thorne said that she is convinced that this was a position that would pay for itself.

- ** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) OPPOSED (MS. KLEIN AND MS. THORNE)**

- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$10,000 FROM THE ASSESSOR PRO. SERVICES BUDGET**

There was no second to the motion and the motion failed.

- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE ADDING \$2,000 TO THE PROBATE COURT BUDGET**
- ** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$5,000 FROM THE DEVELOP. & PLANNING – CONSULTING SERVICES BUDGET**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Board discussed the EPC – FT Compliance Officer position. Mr. Harrel said that since the person is on leave, it is inappropriate to make a change to her position. This position will not come into play until July.

Ms. Santarella said that they have had a lot of issues related to EPC and it would be in the Town's best interest to have a professional person to handle these issues. She said that she was pleased to support this position.

No vote was taken on this issue.

Beautification – no vote taken

Holiday lighting – no vote taken.

- ** MS. THORNE MOVED TO PUT \$30,000 BACK INTO THE MAIN STREET DOWNTOWN DARIEN COMMITTEE BUDGET**
- ** MS. KLEIN SECONDED**

Ms. Thorne said that she sees support for this from the business community. She said that she is aware of the concerns that were raised the other day, but sees real value in this and that it is money well spent.

Ms. Santarella thanked everyone who called her over the weekend about this issue. She said that she spent the weekend going over the documents. Ms. Santarella said that she is thinking of the whole community on this and it is difficult to support this expenditure at this time. She is not against re-vitalization.

- ** MS. THORNE AND DR. MICELI APPROVED AND MR. HARREL AND MS. SANTARELLA OPPOSED**

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO PUT \$30,000 INTO THE DOWN TOWN REVITALIZATION BUDGET**
- ** MS. THORNE AND MS. KLEIN APPROVED AND MR. HARREL AND MS. SANTARELLA OPPOSED**

- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$30,000 FROM THE POLICE – PATROLMAN (correct entry error) BUDGET**
- ** DR. MICELI SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$30,000 FROM THE POLICE – FT VACANCY CONTROL BUDGET**
- ** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$8,000 FROM THE POLICE EDUCATION/TUITION BUDGET**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$7,500 FROM THE POLICE – TRAFFIC ENGINEER BUDGET**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$3,520 FROM THE POLICE FUEL AND LUBRICANTS BUDGET**
- ** MR. HARREL SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO STRONGLY RECOMMEND FUNDING THE
DARIEN FD RADIO SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT
** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO FUND THE NOROTON FD – DIGITAL
HAND HELD RADIOS – ALARM FUND
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO FUND THE NOROTON HEIGHTS –
TURNOUT GEAR – ALARM FUND
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$26,310 FROM THE
FIRE MARSHAL FT SALARY (change to 19 hr PT position) BUDGET
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$700.00 FROM THE
FIRE MARSHAL – OFFICE SUPPLIES BUDGET
** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$6,133 FROM THE
FIRE HYDRANTS – CHARGE BY AQUARION BUDGET
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$53,768 FROM THE
DPW – FT POSITION BUDGET
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$26,560 FROM THE
DPW –DOWNTOWN – REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS,
ETC. BUDGET
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$10,000 FROM
THE DPW – TREE MAINTENANCE BUDGET
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$100,000 FROM THE
DPW – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL – SUBSIDY TO SOLID WASTE FUND
BUDGET**

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MMS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$4,500 FROM THE
DPW INTERIOR SIGNAGE TOWN HALL BUDGET**

**** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Klein said that she would like to keep the full amount of \$75,000 for the Darien Community Association. Mr. Harrel replied that there are many-not-for-profits in Darien and that it would be a bad precedent. He said that this is the public's money and they need to be aware that there are other organizations in the community.

Ms. Klein said that the DCA has filled a void in the community and over the years has supported the community in good faith.

**** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$25,000 FROM THE
DARIEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BUDGET**

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OBJECTION (MS. KLEIN)**

**** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$55,000 FROM THE
PARK & REC – FT SUPERVISOR BUDGET**

**** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$39,791 FROM THE
PARK & REC FT PARK MAINTAINER BUDGET**

**** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$8,000 FROM THE
DARIEN JR. SAILING MANAGER BUDGET**

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$90,000 FROM THE
MEDICAL INSURANCE BUDGET**

**** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$4,000 FROM THE DENTAL INSURANCE BUDGET**
**** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO CUT \$12,000 FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET**
**** DR. MICELI SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$6,000 FROM THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT – BUILDING OFFICIAL BUDGET**
**** DR. MICELI SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$100,000 FROM THE REVALUATION RESERVE FUND**
**** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$45,000 FROM THE TOWN HALL BALCONY RENOVATION BUDGET**
**** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE OPPOSED (MR. HARREL)**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$30,000 FROM THE UPS REPLACEMENT BUDGET**
**** DR. MICELI SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$30,000 FROM THE SPACE STUDY BUDGET**
**** DR. MICELI SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$10,000 FROM THE DARIEN FD – REPAIR APRON BUDGET**
**** MR. HARREL SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO KEEP \$425,000 IN THE GORHAM POND TIDE GATE BUDGET**
**** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$45,000 FROM THE
GOODWIVES RIVER GUARD RAIL BUDGET
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$955,000 FROM THE
HEIGHTS ROAD DRAINAGE BUDGET, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT \$45,000 FOR THE ENGINEERS STUDY WILL REMAIN IN THE
BUDGET
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO KEEP \$25,000 IN THE TOWN HALL GYM
ROOF REPLACEMENT BUDGET
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$100,000 FROM THE
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ATRIUM REPAIRS BUDGET
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO CUT \$4,000 FROM THE TOWN HALL
OVERHEAD DOOR REPLACEMENT
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$9,000 FROM THE
TOWN HALL GYM ENTRANCE TILE REPLACEMENT BUDGET
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$12,000 FROM THE
TOWN HALL FENCE REPLACEMENT BUDGET
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- ** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$58,000 FROM THE
CENTER STREET LOT LIGHTING & ASPHALT BUDGET
** MR. HARREL SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$20,000 FROM THE
SURVEY & DREDGE TURTLE POND – WOODLAND PARK BUDGET
** DR. MICELI SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** DR. MICELI MOVED TO APPROVE CUTTING \$195,000 FROM THE
CASEY FIELD ENLARGEMENT BUDGET
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Klein said that she felt that this was a budget they could be proud of and defend.

**** DR. MICELI MOVED TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AND WAIVED THE
CALCULATIONS BECAUSE A CALCULATOR WAS NOT AVAILABLE
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discuss and Take Action on a request to the Environmental Protection Commission that they increase the application fees and fines under their jurisdiction

Ms. Klein said that she would write a letter on behalf of the Board

**** DR. MICELI MOVED TO REQUEST THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION COMMISSION THAT THEY INCREASE THE
APPLICATION FEES AND FINES UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discuss and Take Action on Joining the Connecticut Main Street Resource Center

Ms. Klein explained the costs associated with joining.

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE JOINING THE
CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET RESOURCE CENTER
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discuss and Take Action on Scheduling a Public Hearing on Proposed Health
Department Fee Increases for March 21, 2005

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING
** MS. THORNE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Budget Transfers:

Police Department

**** MS. THORNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER**

RESOLVED: That the following transfer of appropriations is approved.

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amt	Acct. No.	Account	Amt
1030223 81001	Investigations Full Time Salary	950	10302323 83007	Operating Supplies	950

**** MR. HARREL SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER**

RESOLVED: That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance.

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amt	Acct. No.	Account	Amt
1030223 81001	Investigations Full Time Salary	2,200	10302323 82041	Facility-Repair & Maintenance	2,200

**** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Medical Emergency Services

**** MR. HARREL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER**

RESOLVED: That the following transfer is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amt	Acct. No.	Account	Amt
10704000 86600	Contingency	11,976	10305010 82007	Paramedic Svc	11,976

**** MS. THORNE SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following appointments:

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT**

Nancy Herling (R) as a member of the Social Services Commission, for a term beginning on 11/8/04 and expiring on 11/30/07

**** MR. HARREL SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

No action was taken on the following item.

Kathy Saulitis (R) as a member of the Social Services Commission, for a term beginning on 11/8/04 and expiring on 11/30/07

There was no further business and the Board went into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services